

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 7 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

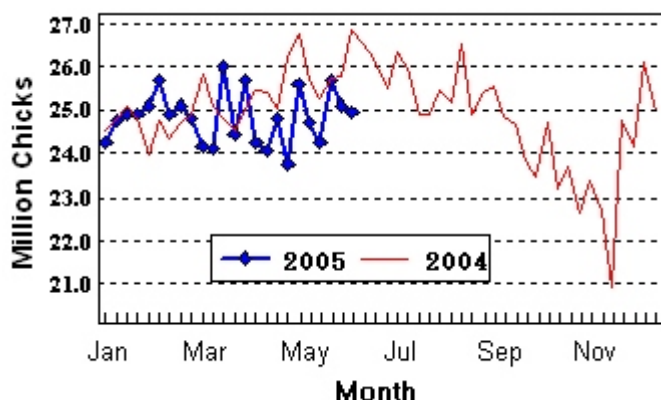
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 25.0 million during the week ending June 11, 2005. Placements were down 7 percent from the comparable week in 2004, and down slightly from the revised previous week, and included 2.8 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from January 2 through June 11, 2005 were 596.3 million, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 26.0 million, down 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but up slightly from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.5 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.1 percent.

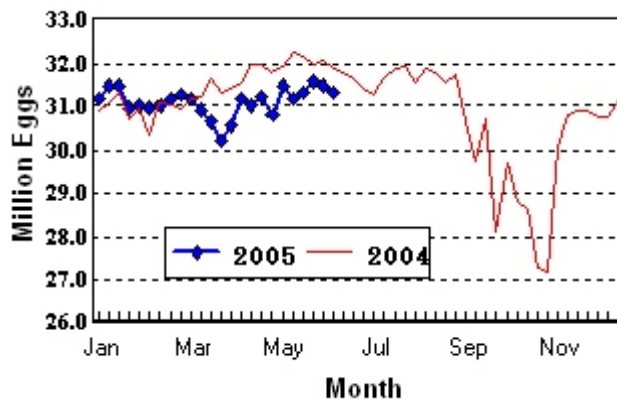
Arkansas hatcheries set 31.3 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending June 11, 2005, down 2 percent from the same period last year, and down slightly from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
May 7	26,708	25,615	96	26,377	26,046	99	31,961	31,488	99
May 14	25,691	24,734	96	26,395	26,160	99	32,245	31,167	97
May 21	25,239	24,280	96	26,313	25,755	98	32,157	31,329	97
May 28	25,726	25,717	100	26,384	26,351	100	31,991	31,587	99
Jun. 4	25,792	25,093	97	26,677	25,962	97	32,066	31,505	98
Jun. 11	26,808	24,981	93	26,514	26,018	98	31,916	31,343	98

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2004-2005



EGGS SET, 2004 - 2005



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2005

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	21-May	28-May	04-Jun	11-Jun		07-May	14-May	21-May	28-May	04-Jun	11-Jun	
Alabama	31,662 *	31,661 *	31,750	31,786	105	21,625	21,391	21,818	21,786 *	21,668 *	22,017	100
ARKANSAS	31,329 *	31,587	31,505	31,343	98	25,615	24,734	24,280 *	25,717 *	25,093 *	24,981	93
Delaware	4,077	4,091	4,039	4,110	107	5,156	6,457	5,975	5,721	5,693	5,636	102
Florida	1,384 *	1,363	1,374	1,382	101	1,332	1,471	1,249	1,526	1,528	1,442	96
Georgia	33,664 *	33,619	33,650 *	33,395	98	28,528	28,182	26,904 *	28,208 *	27,753 *	27,655	102
Kentucky	7,080	6,922	6,981	7,090	102	5,818	5,993	5,771	6,375 *	6,335 *	6,102	101
Louisiana	4,104	4,105	4,104	4,105	105	3,934	4,309	3,838	4,197	4,093	3,800	104
Maryland	9,005	8,991	9,013	8,997	100	6,105	4,808	5,761	5,184	5,058	5,510	94
Mississippi	18,856	18,849	18,948	19,069	97	16,949	16,964	17,055	17,169	17,041	17,033	99
N. Carolina	18,972 *	18,681	18,520 *	18,992	99	15,624	15,268	15,073	15,604	15,589	15,594	104
Oklahoma	6,458	6,587	6,526	6,452	100	5,520	5,464	5,429	4,356	4,921	4,940	107
Pennsylvania	4,083 *	3,973 *	4,075 *	4,103	97	3,168	3,067	3,089 *	3,169 *	2,951 *	2,930	111
S. Carolina	5,239	5,060	5,232	5,053	135	3,572	4,387	4,734	3,299	4,148	3,996	91
Texas	15,376	15,379	15,389 *	15,396	101	13,065	13,136	13,057	13,053	13,018 *	12,904	99
Virginia	6,591	6,621	6,512	6,358	94	5,144	5,407	5,683	5,271	4,782 *	5,456	101
CA,MO,TN,WV	18,299 *	18,278 *	18,241 *	18,234	103	16,713	17,153 *	17,398 *	16,713 *	16,994 *	17,457	101
Total 2005	216,179 *	215,767 *	215,859 *	215,865		177,868	178,191 *	177,114 *	177,348 *	176,665 *	177,453	
Total 2004	214,186	212,907	212,431	214,186		176,351	175,431	175,320	175,708	176,393	177,930	
%Prev. Year	101	101	102	101		101	102	101	101	100	100	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005.....						25-Jun	02-Jul	09-Jul	16-Jul	23-Jul	30-Jul	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 216 million eggs during the week ending June 11, 2005. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 11, 2005. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through June 11, 2005 were 4.05 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.